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**THE PROFITEER.**

"Warring conditions created a de-
testable creature now known to the
victimized public as the profiteer,"
the Greensboro News says.

"Abnormal years have allowed
him to develop and dehumanize his
sordid soul while he grew fat at the
expense of unfortunates and because
of the lack of law and organized op-
position to his insidious practices.
An unusual state of affairs made a
barrier for him while he sold at a
criminal profit and pleaded excessive
costs as a cover for his commercial
piracy," says the Charlotte News.

"The profiteer prospered and mul-
tiplied. Today the war is over, but
the profiteer continues to ply his
trade. While the country is flushed
with money, he continues to sell his
soul for paltry dollars. Where the
profit is not so large, the species has
increased many fold; where the in-
dividual profiteer is dominating, the
coffers are running over.

"Such is the condition confronting
the American people today. Profi-
teering is still rampant, open,
brazen. There can be no mistaking
that—evidences on all sides are con-
vincing. One need not go into in-
dividual cases; it is in the air, on
every tongue, at every hand. Legiti-
mate profits are not countenanced.
If there is opportunity to bleed the
public while the dollars are plentiful
and the confusion of war conditions
form a screen to hide the bandits
who charitably are called profiteers."

"Charlotte need not try to soothe
itself into the belief that it has
escaped the greedy hand of the profi-
teer. This would, indeed, be a city
of refuge if it were without him. So,
swat the profiteer. Guard against
him, and, when he is discovered,
swat him. The housefly is a holy
angel when compared with this com-
mercial leech.

"Ferret out the profiteer, then
swat him. Rid the nation of this
one of the most despicable products
of the war."

And the Greensboro paper adds:
"What is said for Charlotte goes
for Greensboro, goes for Smithville,
Brownville and the condition is not
unknown at Yap's Cross Roads. It
is a highly laudable purpose. We
wonder how it is to be gone about,
just; but where there is a will there
is a way.

"One suspects that each man, or
any man, could be his own profiteer
swatter to a certain extent. Far be
it from such that we should advise
people not to buy goods, for the re-
tailer and the newspaper are as close
as close; and the buying public
would find it hard, in curtailing, to
pick out the profiteer. Isn't the av-
erage merchant caught in the net,
even as you or we? He has to buy
things, including the things he sells.
But noisens volens, it will probably
come to that if things ever come
down off their high perch—that
people will begin to try and do with-
out things. Cheap money, war
money, seems to make a pleasant
situation for many people, to be
much better than dear money and
the general squeezing and skimp-
ing and depression that go with it.
Nevertheless, a body does despise to
be gouged beyond reason."

IMPROVED MAIL SERVICE.

The News was recently assured
that the matter of bringing pouch
mail to Lancaster on the early Sun-
day morning train would immedi-
ately have the attention of the post-
office authorities. This and the es-
tablishment of city delivery are two
of the improvements contemplated
in the mail service at Lancaster. The
matter of Sunday morning mail has
been discussed in this paper on sev-
eral occasions and while there has
been no general demand for the ser-
vice, silence has not been taken to
mean that the people were satisfied.
As it is, letters remain in Rock Hill
and are brought to Lancaster at 1:17
in the afternoon on Sunday; likewise
the morning papers from the north
come in for after dinner amusement,
while if the change in prospect is
made, with little or no additional
expense they may be brought to the
city on the train reaching here from
Rock Hill at 8:23 a. m. This will
not interfere with the service on
trains arriving here at 10:17 and
1:17. The train from Columbia
reaching Lancaster at 6:05 p. m.,
does not now carry mail and will
not under the new arrangement, un-
less possibly pouch mail made up at
the local postoffice about 5:30.

There are, of course, some people
in every town who would like to see
the Sunday mail service dispensed
with in entirety, but if there is to be
any Sunday service at all, it might
be so arranged as to be of more
benefit to the patrons of the office
than that now in effect.

**THE COTTON MARKETS IN LAN-
CASTER AND ROCK HILL.**

Some days ago a citizen of Ches-
ter county made public a statement
in regard to the alleged superiority
of Lancaster as a cotton market as
compared with Rock Hill. The
Lancaster News, in an editorial, at-
tempts to turn this to the advantage
of Lancaster. This effort is entirely
legitimate and indicates that the
News is alive to opportunities to
serve its town; but, if what the citi-
zen of Chester county states is true
and what the News says is true, how
did it happen that a citizen of Lan-
caster county, who was in Rock Hill
last week told this story:

This Lancaster citizen, whose
name is withheld because the Her-
ald has not had an opportunity to
get his permission to use it, is one
of the best known men of Lancaster
county. His statement is substan-
tially as follows:

This gentleman says that a few
days ago he went to Lancaster with
samples of nine bales of cotton. One

bale was low grade and the others
were good cotton. He was offered 8
cents per pound for the low grade
bale and 20c per pound for the eight
bales. Finally, before leaving Lan-
caster, a buyer offered him 24c per
pound for the nine bales. He de-
clined to sell and returned home.

A day or two after his visit to
Lancaster the gentleman came to
Rock Hill and sold his cotton, re-
ceiving 16 1-2c per pound for the
bale of low grade cotton and 30c per
pound for the eight bales of good
cotton. He had no trouble about
getting these prices here and made
no effort to get the local buyers in
competition with Lancaster. He
simply brought his samples here
and sold the cotton at the prices
named.

Lancaster may be, probably is, a
good cotton market; but there is
nothing in the past history of the
cotton business in the two places, to
prove that Lancaster is a better cot-
ton market than Rock Hill. The
Herald's opinion is that, year, by
year, Rock Hill is a better cotton
market than Lancaster. This opin-
ion is not based on isolated trans-
actions, but on the broader and more
certain foundation of general trad-
ing in cotton.—Rock Hill Herald.

If The News remembers correctly,
it made no mention of the Rock Hill
cotton market in its comment upon
the letter of Mr. Thrailkill, which
letter was first printed in a Rock
Hill paper and later in a Chester
paper. The News has no desire to
disparage the Rock Hill cotton mar-
ket, but admits that it is diligent
in consistently boosting Lancaster.
If the chips fall in Rock Hill, it is no
fault of The News.

The Herald should not only give
the names of the Lancaster citizen
mentioned, but should give the dates
on which he offered the cotton in
Lancaster and in Rock Hill.

A SUGGESTION.

Announcement is made that un-
ion, open-air services on the court
house green will be resumed next
Sunday evening at 8:30. The ser-
vices last about an hour and a half,
and The News wishes to offer the
suggestion that the city authorities
adopt some method by which auto-
mobiles may be kept off the square
while the services are in progress.
It is next to impossible to hear the
speaker when automobiles are con-
stantly passing, driving up and
backing off from the square, and the
inconvenience of turning at Main and
Gay streets and at Main and Barr
and using White street for an hour
and a half each Sunday night will be
negligible. The authorities may

possibly find they haven't au-
thority to close the street, but it
is unlikely that anybody will ques-
tion the legality of such action.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Lancaster and Shiloh A. R. P.,
Rev. W. S. Patterson, pastor—
Sabbath school 10:30 a. m.;
preaching 11:30 a. m., first and
third Sundays at Lancaster, second
and fourth at Shiloh; preaching
8:30 p. m., Lancaster. Prayer
meeting every Wednesday, 8:30 p.
m.

(Pastors are requested to furnish
The News standing announcements
of church services for publication
every Friday.)

Through the efforts of the Mamie
Fraser society Lancaster will have
the pleasure on Saturday evening,
June 7, of hearing the Wofford Glee
club. The club, which for several
years has visited various towns in
the state has been most successful
and unusually popular, and it is
hoped will have a large audience in
Lancaster. The admission is 75
cents for adults and 50 cents for
children, these tickets including war
tax. The performance will be given
at the Central school auditorium.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they
cannot reach the seat of the disease.
Catarrh is a local disease, greatly in-
fluenced by constitutional conditions, and
in order to cure it you must take an
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the blood on the mucous surfaces of the
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Bank No. 33.

Condensed Statement of Condition of

The Bank of Lancaster

Lancaster, S. C.

at close of business May 12, 1919.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$ 653,358.57
City bonds	10,000.00
Liberty Bonds	345,150.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,450.89
Real Estate	16,042.18
Cash on hand and in Banks	158,083.18
	\$1,185,084.82

LIABILITIES.

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	143,086.40
Deposits	\$738,948.42
Bond Deposits	253,050.00 991,998.42
	\$1,185,084.82

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In color combinations that reflect the artistry of Nature—the gold of the
stars blending into the sapphire of the night; the foam on the breakers
as they roll onto the shore; the pink of the dawn as it steals over the
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The lustre of the texture, the distinction and the beauty in weave, in ad-
dition to the unusual coloring, rank these novelty Silks, the Silks without a
Peer for out-dooring wear.

So decorative in themselves that the reverse of the silk is sufficient trim-
ming, whether in the plain or in the jacquard stripes, checks, triangles
and circles.

Silks for every purpose and every occasion—for dresses, out-dooring,
afternoon, yes, even for evening; for skirts; for blouses; for sweater coats;
for scarves and neckwear; for hats—what more versatile Silk could you
find?

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